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SUBJECT: NORTH-SOUTH AND LUFTHANSA FLIGHTS TO BERLIN

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SUMMARY: US REP PRESENTATION IN BONN GROUP ON LUFTHANSA
FLIGHTS TO BERLIN HAS MET WITH GENERALLY FAVORABLE
REACTION WHILE PRESENTATION ON NORTH-SOUTH FLIGHTS HAS
AGAIN MET WITH BRITISH RELUCTANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. US POSITION ON LUFTHANSA FLIGHTS TO BERLIN PER REFTTEL
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B PRESENTED TO BONN GROUP NOV 27. FRENCH AND FRG IN FULL

ACCORD. REACTION UK REP (CROMARTIE) WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE BUT WITH ADDED REMARK THAT TALKS IN BASC ON LUFTHANSA ENTRY INTO BCZ AND ON SOVIET SEPT 4 PROPOSALS SHOULD BE KEPT SEPARATE BUT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO COMBINE THEM IF SOVIETS INSIST. FRENCH REP (BELLESCIZE) ASKED FRG REP (LUECKING) FOR PRECISE STATEMENT OF FRG/ SOVIET AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON LUFTHANSA ENTRY INTO BCZ, INDICATING THAT THIS STATEMENT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN GUIDING ALLIES IN THEIR APPROACH. WE ARE NOW MAKING REVISIONS IN BONN GROUP SCENARIO PAPER WHICH WILL BRING IT INTO LINE WITH GAMEPLAN OUTLINED REFTEL B WITH THE INTENTION OF MOVING AHEAD TO CONFIRMATORY APPROACH BY CHAIRMAN ALLIED POLAD TO SOVIET COUNTERPART.

2. PRESENTATION OF US PROPOSAL OUTLINED REFTEL A ON NORTH-SOUTH FLIGHTS SOMEWHAT LESS SUCCESSFUL WITH BRITISH STILL RELUCTANT TO MOVE AHEAD PRIOR TO ACTION WITH SOVIETS ON LUFTHANSA MATTER. CROMARTIE SAID HIS "PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS" FROM FCO WERE AS FOLLOWS: A) NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO OFFERING WSB LANDING RIGHTS TO THY; B) FCO NOW LOOKING AT QUESTION OF OFFERING SUCH RIGHTS TO JAT; AND C) THERE SHOULD BE NO MOVE ON ENTIRE NORTH-SOUTH QUESTION UNTIL LUFTHANSA MATTER HANDLED WITH SOVIETS SINCE EASTERN REACTION ON THIS ITEM WOULD BE A "TEST OF SOVIET AND GDR INTENTIONS." UK ACTING CAA (CULLIMORE) ADDED THAT HIS EMBASSY SAW ADDITIONAL PROBLEM IN THAT BONN GROUP AIR STUDY SPECIFIED THAT OTHER "WESTERN" CARRIERS COULD BE OFFERED WSB LANDING RIGHTS IF AUA AND SAS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL WITH THE GDR.

3. FRENCH REP (BELLESCIZE) INDICATED GENERAL ACCEPTANCE US POSITION COMMENTING ONLY THAT PLEDGE OF ALLIED WILLINGNESS TO GRANT LANDING RIGHTS WSB "TO THOSE AIRLINES WHO CAN SUCCEED IN OBTAINING GDR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS" (PARA 2.C. REFTEL A) COULD BE A POSSIBLE PROBLEM IN THAT THIS MEANT, IN EFFECT, THAT ALLIES WOULD HAVE TO AT LEAST TENTATIVELY GRANT SUCH RIGHTS TO ALL NATO AIRLINES DESIRING THEM. THIS IS THE CASE, BELLESCIZE SAID, SO THAT AIRLINES APPLYING TO GDR FOR OVERFLIGHT FLIGHTS COULD ANSWER AFFIRMATIVELY IF QUERIED ON THIS POINT BY CONFIDENTIAL

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THE GDR.

4. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT THE UK WILL NOT BE WILLING TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE NORTH-SOUTH ISSUE UNTIL THE LUFTHANSA MATTER IS ACTED UPON WITH THE SOVIETS. EVEN THEN, THEIR ATTITUDE IS LIKELY TO BE LESS THAN ONE OF READY COOPERATION.

5. RE THE NORTH-SOUTH FLIGHTS, WE ARE OF THE VIEW THAT
FOR THE TIME BEING WE SHOULD AWAIT THE BRITISH REACTION
TO THE YUGOSLAV PROPOSITION BEFORE DECIDING ON WHAT OUR
NEXT COURSE OF ACTION SHOULD BE.
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